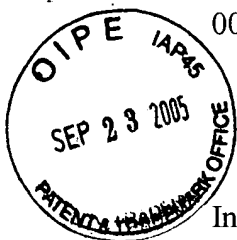


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

English Abstracts for the Japanese Patent Applications were obtained from a commercial database. The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese Patent Applications is found in the enclosed English Abstracts.

U.S. Patent No. 6,037,984 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application 11-252355.

REMARKS

The cited documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action of a counterpart foreign application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Office Action is dated July 11, 2005. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed.

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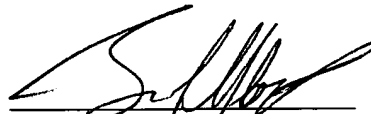
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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